the border in the erection and maintenance of border pillars alsong the Indo-Bangladesh border : and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARYANAN): (a) No, Sir. There have been no cases of hurdles being put up by Bangladesh in the erection and maintenance of border pillars.

(b) Does not arise.

Computerisation of Income-Tax Department

295. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the computerisation programme for the income tax department has been completed by the Computer Maintenance Corporation ;

(b) if so, whether consideration to the human problems of thousands of lower grade employees were also taken into account :

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) by when Government's decision thereon is expected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) CMC has prepared a feasibility study report for Income Tax Department, and submitted its report to Income Tax Department, whose decision is awaited.

(b) to (d) Since a decision on the Report has not yet been taken the organisational aspect is yet to be studied in depth.

Influx of Bangladeshis *Via* Murshidabad and Malda Districts

296. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that influx of foreigners from Bangladesh into India through the districts of Murshidabad and Malda is continuing unabated; and

(b) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to prevent such infiltration of people from Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Measures have already been taken in hand by the Government to further strengthan surveillance along the Indo-Bongladesh Border by strengthening Border Security Force, establishing additional border out-posts; construction of observation post towers and providing increased mobility to border petrols.

India's Response to Appeals of Bishop Desmond for Economic Sanctions against South Africa

297. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent appeals issued by Bishop Desmond to the world Governments for taking effective punitive economic sanctions against the Bootha's aparthied regime of South Africa to force the latter to give up its aparthied policy; and

(b) if so, what has been India's reaction and response thereto, as a leader of the non-aligned countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India's response to abnormal situation prevailing in South Africa is well known. In accordance with our consistent policy and various resolutions adopted by the United Nations, we have imposed a total boycott of economic and commercial relations with South Africa. In fact, India does not have any other kind of relations with the racist regime in Pretoria.

Assessment of Naval Presence of Big Powers in the Indian Ocean

298. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is Government's latest assessment of the naval presence of various big powers in the Indian Ocean, as in April, 1986 and how it compares with that a year back;

(b) whether there has been a sizeable increase therein; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto in the context of the proposal to keep Indian Ocean as a zone of peace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) There has been an increase of about 15% in the presence of ships of various big powers in the Indian Ocean, as between April 1985 and end of March 1986.

(c) The Government of India have consistently sought to reduce the presence of outside military forces in the Indian Ocean area. India has been in the forefront of the move to declare the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace. We have been pressing for the implementation of U.N. Resolution No. 2832 (XXVI) of 1971 which *inter alia* calls for the holding of a Conference with a view to transforming the Indian Ocean into Zone of Peace, from which great power military presence and rivalry would be eliminated. India is disappointed at the repeated postponements of this Conference.

Enquiry into the missing of papers of Civil Services Examination, 1985

299. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 100 candidates who appeared for the Civil Services Examination for 1985, conducted by the UPSC, have been called upon to reappear in one of the papers, since the packet containing the answer books on General Knowledge of these candidates had been misplaced; and

(b) if so, whether an inquiry has been caused to fix the responsibility and if so, the findings thereof and the action taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The Union Public Service Commission has decided to hold a re-examination for 94 candidates in General Studies Paper-II of the main examination of Civil Services Examination, 1985 as their answer books were lost in postal transit.

(b) As the scripts were lost in postal transit, the matter has been brought to the notice of the postal authorities by the Union Public Service Commission. The Postal Department has also been requested to consider making special arrangements for the movement of examination scripts so that incidents of this type do not recur in future.